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TOPIC	1. Troops and Military Installations in Znojmo and Vranov 2. Troops and Military Installations in Kasperska Hory and Rajstejn 3. Troops in Wimon	
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- 25X1 1. [redacted] Zizka Barracks in Znojmo  
 25X1 (O 49/S 06). This installation was on ul. Generale Jarose in the center of the  
 25X1 city between the city proper and the railroad line to Mor. Budejovice (O 50/R 83).  
 The Stefanki Barracks adjoined the Zizka Barracks to the south. Paliardy Street  
 which was located between the two installations, was closed and included in the  
 billeting area. 1
- 25X1 2. The Velka Louka Barracks, which was located on the west side of ul. Videnska  
 (formerly Wiener Strasse) in the southeastern sector of the city and consisted  
 of old and new buildings, quartered various units. [redacted] one mortar  
 25X1 unit, which was equipped with 120-mm mortars and commanded by a major, and one  
 25X1 artillery unit, which was equipped with about 10 fairly heavy guns with rubber-  
 25X1 tired wheels and muzzle brakes and was commanded by a lieutenant colonel. The  
 mortars were horse-drawn, while the guns were towed by prime movers. [redacted]  
 [redacted] the 111th Arty Regt was quartered in this billeting area. A minor  
 section of the installation quartered a RS unit. An old billeting building on  
 the northeast side of Wiener Strasse, opposite the Velka Louka Barracks,  
 presumably quartered a signal unit. The roof of this building mounted antenna  
 installations. 1
- 25X1 3. In the fall of 1953, the cantonment on the southwest side of the road toward  
 Mor. Budejovice, northwest of the city, quartered a motor transport unit.  
 About 30 trucks of various models were observed in the installation. [redacted]

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[redacted] this unit was subordinate to a battalion which was stationed at Brno (P 50/N 40). The cantonment included about nine old hutments, some of which were torn down, while others were being reconditioned. Since July 1953, the former Dominican convent at the intersection of Dolni Ceska and former Fuesnerova in the center of the city had quartered the offices of a PS unit. An old three-story building on the south side of Masaryk Square, in front of which several sedans were seen parked at any time, housed another headquarters of the border guard troops. 1

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4. Prior to the fall of 1953, the military district headquarters (OVV) was located in the Stefanik Barracks. Another unidentified army office was located on a by-street of Gottwald Square, almost opposite the brewery. 1

5. In 1953, the former castle in Vranov (O 49/R 96) on the southern bank of the Thaya River quartered a border guard unit of 100 to 125 men. Other buildings in the town were also used by border guard troops. 2

6. Prior to November 1953, a three-story angular building at the southwestern corner of the main square in the center of Kasperske Hory (N 50/Q 27) was occupied by a border guard unit of 80 to 100 men. Some trucks and two or three sedans were parked in the yard of the billets. In July 1953, [redacted] about 50 border guard officers, mostly lieutenants and senior lieutenants, in front of the installation. [redacted] these officers had come from the neighboring stations for a conference. 3

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7. A building on the northern edge of the main square housed office rooms of border guard troops. Another small structure, just north of this building, was also occupied by PS. At noon, soldiers regularly marched from these billets to the PS billets at the southwestern corner of the main square, where they received meals. 3
8. Prior to November 1953, the barracks installation on the southern perimeter of the town, which was located on the street from the main square, also quartered a border guard unit. About 20 trucks were parked near these billets. 3
9. In the fall of 1953, four recently constructed hutments on the western bank of the Otava River, about 500 meters northwest of Rejstejn (N 50/Q 27), quartered border guard troops. 4

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10. [redacted] border guard troops had been quartered in the barracks installation on the southern perimeter of Kasperske Hory since the summer of 1953. He frequently observed watchdogs being trained in the barracks yard. In October 1953, recruits were assigned to the unit quartered in this installation. On occasion of a practice alert held on 1 June 1953, about 15 to 20 trucks were parked in front of the billets. In about June 1953, an old building on the east side of the main square was vacated by border guard troops. 3

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11. In late January 1954, a barracks installation of newly constructed billets between the northern perimeter of Mimon (O 51/F 95) and the electric power station on the Mimon - Jablonne (O 51/F 96) road quartered soldiers of an AT unit. 5 An underground ammunition depot was located in mount Ralsko (Rollberg), about 2.5 km northeast of Mimon.

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1. [ ] Comment. [ ]  
 [ ] The 24th Inf Regt is carried in the Zizka Barracks. Vorac reported the mortar unit as an infantry unit equipped with motorized mortars. The unit possibly belongs to the 24th Inf Regt or the 6th Arty Regt, one battalion of which was repeatedly reported in Znojmo. The 111th Arty Regt is reported for the first time.

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2. [ ] Comment. It is believed that the unit observed belongs to the 4th PS Brig in Znojmo.

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3. [ ] Comment. The training center of the Susice PS Brigade is stationed at Kasperske Hory. It is surprising that no army troops should have been observed. Prior to the summer of 1952, several reports mentioned the 1st Bn of the 26th Inf Regt as stationed at this post and [ ] a rocket launcher unit was stationed there. These units possibly moved to other posts.

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4. [ ] Comment. [ ] billets of the motor-vehicle repair shop and the 2d Motor Trans Bn of the 2d Inf Div [ ] are known to be located in about the same area and were confirmed there until September 1952.

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5. [ ] Comment. The barracks installation mentioned in the present report was known previously, but it is undetermined whether it quarters a unit stationed at the post or troops which are rotated to this area for training.

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